

Local Woman Will Lead Harbor BPW



MRS. ZADA RAMSEY
... To Head Harbor Section BPW

Mrs. Zada Ramsey, past president of the local Business and Professional Women's Club, will be installed as chairman of the Harbor Section, Los Angeles Sierra Mar District, this afternoon at ceremonies in the YWCA Building, 2320 W. Carson St.

Installation rites will climax a 2 to 4 o'clock tea planned by Mrs. Zelma Whitacre of San Pedro.

The state BPW president, Mrs. Ivy Grace, will conduct the ceremonies installing the local woman and her corps of officers, which includes Mesdames Lila Anthony of Hawthorne, vice-chairman; Marguerita Dougherty of the Long Beach Margaret Ives Club, secretary; and Craven Douglas of El Segundo, nominating chairman.

GIRL SCOUTS SLATE TEA FOR MOMS

Girl Scouts of the Torrance Elementary PTA's sponsored Troop 936 will honor their mothers next Thursday, May 7, at a 3:30 p.m. tea in the school auditorium.

Climaxing the affair, which will feature international friendship as a theme, will be the investiture of two new Scouts, Sharon Brace and Judy Weister. Stately Greer will take the entertainment spotlight with an accordion solo.

Following the program, the girls will serve their mothers home-made cakes and coffee. Members of Patrol One, who are in charge of the event, are baking the cakes. The troop is under the leadership of Mrs. E. K. Cunningham.

THE CHOIR TO SING FOR SENIOR WOMEN

The Torrance High School A Cappella Choir will entertain members of the Torrance Woman's Club following Wednesday's 1 p.m. business session at the clubhouse, 1422 Encarnacion Ave.

Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, program chairman and president-elect, will present the songsters at 2 p.m. A silver tea will follow.

In charge of arrangements for the tea are Mesdames M. B. Millar and Dean L. Sears.



(Herald Photo)

HEARTTUGGING REMINDER . . . of the current Sister Kenny Polio Drive which began Monday and will end May 14 is three-year-old Charles "Chuckie" Bucholz. Son of Mrs. Ray Bucholz, 232 W. 223rd St., the little fellow was struck by polio when only four months old. His chest, back, left leg, and right arm were paralyzed by the disease. After receiving the Kenny treatment at a hospital in Michigan he regained normal use of all but the leg, and is undergoing further treatment as an out-patient of the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital in El Monte. "The leg is improving all the time, and with the aid of a brace he can walk and run almost as well as other little boys his age," his mother said. "Chuckie" has a brother, Michael, and a sister, Diane. His father is with the Merchant Marine in Africa.

AIDS UNDERPRIVILEGED

'New Hope' for Southland Kids Can Come from Locals

Torrance folk will have fun and help underprivileged and homeless children at the same time when they attend a mammoth "49-er" Bar-B-Q Carnival at New Hope, U.S.A. (Banning, Calif.) May 30 and 31, according to Father Joseph N. Stadler, head of the school.

The big affair is part of a fund-raising campaign to help in the construction of a fully-equipped machine shop and trade school at New Hope, a non-sectarian school for neglected children throughout the Southland.

Outstanding Western talent for both listening and dancing pleasure will be featured, Father Stadler said. Admission, at \$1 per person, will include all-day square dancing to a top Western band, a long carnival midway chock-full of thrilling rides, strolling musicians, and a host of sporting events and contests. Two big variety shows and amateur, fiddler, and square dancing contests will be staged both afternoon and evening of each day. Many famous personalities of TV, movies, and the wrestling world will appear on behalf of the charity.

Mid-day and evening, both days, a real Western prime beef Bar-B-Q will be served. New Hope, U.S.A., has a 63-year history of humanitarian service. Father Stadler revealed. First founded in 1890 as the St. Boniface Industrial School for Indians, today its charities include neglected children of all races and creeds.

Accordingly, the school has recently been re-named "New Hope, U.S.A." to convey the thought that hope is being rekindled in abandoned and saddened children welcomed from everywhere in the Southland without discrimination, said Father Stadler.

Tickets for the carnival may be obtained by sending a check or money order to New Hope, U.S.A., Banning, Calif. Those who would like to enter the amateur, fiddler, or square dance contests, or who wish to volunteer their services for this charitable cause should also contact New Hope, U.S.A.

Local Juniors Help Purchase Four Beds for Polio Patients

Not one but four rocking third vice-president, represented the local club at the district convention, where the philanthropy report was made to 900 delegates.

Session was held at the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel last week.

Funds for the purchase, a total of \$800, were derived from projects staged by 8300 women, including 80 in Torrance, and the 167 clubs in the district.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Arriving Apr. 28 at 10:15 p.m. was Bette Ann, new 6 lb. 7 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mason, 22615 S. Ravenna. The North American Aviation worker and his wife have two other children, James Michael, 5½, and Harold Lee, 3½.

Another Apr. 28 arrival is the second child of the Gordon Cambridges of Torrance, who weighed 7 lbs. 11½ oz. when born at 3:21 a.m. Named Marcus B., the new son joins one brother, three-year-old Dennis Lee. Father is employed as an office clerk at Nash Motors; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Runsted of Torrance and Mrs. S. S. Hutchings of Pagsong, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Passer, 3408 W. 189th St., now are parents of their second daughter, 8 lb. 4 oz. Linda Marie. The new daughter, born Apr. 29 at 9 a.m., joins Cassandra Jean, 15 months. Father is a mill operator at North American Aviation; grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames Herbert Passer of New York, and Clarence Holmes of San Pedro.

Also a second arrival is 6 lb. 3/4 oz. Gary Allen, new son of Western Electric Co. electrician Dale B. Pagel and his wife. The baby boy joins 14-month-old Jerry Michael at the 428 W. Carson St. Pagel home. Milton Pagel, 716 Portola Ave., is the paternal grandfather.



MRS. V. EVELYN WEBACK
... Sailed the Seas

DOWN TO THE SEA IN A SHIP

Sailing with 46 Men, Hurricane Colors Past of Mrs. Weback

Take one woman, stir well with 46 men in a Merchant Marine vessel, add the salt spray of the sea and a large dash of hurricane, simmer well for 44 days — and you have a story that is one for the books.

The tale belongs to Mrs. V. Evelyn Weback, local realtor, and is but a part of her colorful life which has included flying, a near-tragic horseback ride, furniture upholstery, and many club activities.

Although it was way back in 1949 when the short, brown-haired woman sailed the Pacific to and from Japan, details of the trip are printed on her mind in yesterday's ink.

For during that eventful voyage she almost lost her life. The Merchant Marine vessel, captained by her husband and manned by a crew of 45 men, was just out of Seattle, Wash., carrying a load of grain to Moji, Japan, when the near-disaster struck. Mrs. Weback, the ship's purser, was standing with her husband on the bridge while he guided the vessel. Then came the hurricane.

"We sailed the edge of the hurricane," Mrs. Weback said, "but as it was taking us too far off our course, the skipper decided to give the ship full speed ahead into the teeth of the wind. Because it was dangerous on deck, he ordered me to go off the bridge and bunk out."

"I had just climbed into the bunk, got comfortably settled, when all of a sudden I was thrown across an iron threshold separating the stateroom from the bath. The fall knocked me out, and when I came to, my right hip was so sore I could hardly move."

"Luckily, how luckily I found out later from my husband, there were no broken bones," she laughed, "but I had a huge, ugly bruise on that hip for nine months."

But the trip had a lighter side, too. Whenever the stewards wanted something from the skipper, such as the time they would be

allowed ashore, they first went to the "bedroom boy" who made up the cabins, Mrs. Weback said. "Then he'd ask me to ask the skipper for them."

"They thought they were being very clever, and I thought I was being very subtle in getting the favors for the boys. I found out later, though, that my husband wasn't quite as glib as we thought. He knew quite well all the intrigue that was going on behind his back," she laughed.

When the ship sailed into the Moji harbor many days later, Mrs. Weback was horrified to see mines floating around in the bay. "I imagine they were live ones which the people had not bothered to remove since the war," Mrs. Weback said, "because all around us were other grim reminders of the days of battle. Ruined ships completely lined the banks of the bay."

"I got my first sight of the famous geisha girls in Moji," she continued, "being barely a year-old bride, I suffered a few twinges of jealousy as they swarmed around my hubby like ants around a cookie!"

Mrs. Weback had given up her real estate career to marry the skipper, who has captained many vessels since World War I, in 1948. "Most of the time I made a home for him in hotels nearest his point of embarkation, waiting for the day when his ship would dock. When he became third mate on the Oliver Olson, which docks at Wilmington, we moved to Torrance, and he usually gets home every two weeks."

The brown-eyed bride upholstered most of the furniture in the three-room trailer at the Avalon-Carson Trailer Park, where she and her husband have lived for the past two years. This she sandwiched in between her real estate activities, for, being permanently located again, she returned to her career as a realtor.

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both her real estate and aeronautical activities for a while. Always interested in the sport, Mrs. Weback was riding horseback down the side of an Encinitas road. A motor scooterist, attempting to pass a car, cut back into the lane when a truck loomed out in front. The horse went one way, and Mrs. Weback went the other. Her back was broken in the fall.

When she recovered from the injury, she opened her own real estate office for a few months, then closed again when she married Skipper Weback.

Since coming to Torrance, Mrs. Weback has affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, the YWCA, the Business and Professional Women's Club, and the newly-formed Soroptimist Club. She was a member of the three former groups, and a Self-Realization Colony while in Encinitas.

The colony, she said, is a group which follows the ancient Indian yogi theory of life. It's very interesting, but impractical, because the goal is to completely shut oneself away from life.

The realtor has carried one of the colony's teachings over into her business, however. "I've found," she said, "that if you just forget about making money and do the best you can, the money will take care of itself!"

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BAND ENTERTAINS AT OPEN HOUSE

Selections by the Greenwood School Band, played in outdoor setting, highlighted last Thursday's Open House at Fern Ave. Greenwood schools.

Visiting parents, who toured children's classrooms, were served coffee and cookies baked by the girls in homemaking classes under the direction of their teacher, Bonnie Buerkins.

Representing the Fern Ave. Greenwood PTA, which sponsored the open house, at the recent First District Convention in Pasadena were Mesdames J. R. Patrick, C. F. Malone, I. J. Hinds, E. W. Ingrum, G. D. Arrasmith, and P. Ogle.

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